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SUBJECT: HUNGARY ON 2009 G-8 BMENA FORUM FOR THE FUTURE

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Embassy delivered reftel points to MFA Department of International Organizations Counselor Katalin Buzas and to MFA Department for Africa and the Middle East Deputy Head of Department Ferenc Csillag. Csillag told Econoff that Hungary also supports the Broader Middle East North Africa (BMENA) Initiative, but noted that Hungary has not yet received any formal invitation or program from the BMENA Forum of the Future co-host governments. He was nevertheless well aware of the event, and indicated that his department is proposing that Foreign Minister Balazs attend the Ministerial meeting on November 2-3. He noted that should Minister Balazs be unavailable to attend, he would expect a senior MFA State Secretary to attend in his place. Csillag promised to keep the Embassy updated as to the GOH's planned attendance at BMENA Forum for the Future events.

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